

include approval by the shareholders of the companies and obtaining appropriate governmental approvals which do not impose terms or conditions that would be reasonably likely to have an adverse effect on PGE or Enron. Under an Agreement and Plan of Merger, Enron will become an Oregon corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Merger Company"), and PGC will merge with and into the Merger Company. Shares of stock held in Enron and in PGC would be converted into shares of the Merger Company on a one-for-one basis. The proposed action is in accordance with PGE's application dated August 20 1996, as supplemented by letters dated October 16, 1996, and October 30, 1996.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed action is required to facilitate the merger between PGC and Enron.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed merger and concludes that there will be no physical or operational change to the decommissioning activities now in progress at the Trojan Nuclear Plant as a result of the merger. The merger will not affect the qualifications or organizational affiliations of the personnel responsible for the decommissioning activities at the Trojan Nuclear Plant.

The merger will not affect PGE's status as a regulated public utility in the State of Oregon. PGE will continue to be headquartered in Portland, Oregon and senior management will remain in place. According to the licensee, the planned merger of PGE's parent company, PGC, with the Merger Company should improve the overall financial strength and stability of PGE's parent after the merger. After the merger, PGE will continue to be the NRC licensee for Trojan Nuclear Plant and no direct transfer of the operating license or interests in the unit will result from the merger.

The Commission has evaluated the environmental impact of the proposed action and has determined that the probability and consequences of accidents would not be increased by the merger, and that radiological releases, both normal releases and accidental releases, would not be greater than previously evaluated. Further, the Commission has determined that the merger would not increase occupational radiological exposure. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological environmental

impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the merger would not affect nonradiological plant effluents and would have no other environmental impact. Therefore, the Commission concludes that there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

Having concluded that there are no significant environmental effects that would result from the proposed action, the Commission has no need to evaluate any alternative with equal or greater environmental impacts.

The principal alternative would be to deny the requested action. Denial of the application would not change the environmental impact. The environmental impact of the proposed action and the alternative action are the same.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for the Trojan Nuclear Plant dated August 1973 or the Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement on Decommissioning of Nuclear Facilities, dated August 1988.

Agencies and Persons Contacted

In accordance with its stated policy, on Feb. 10, 1997, the staff consulted with Mr. Adam Bless, of the Oregon Department of Energy, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. Mr. Bless had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated August 20 1996, as supplemented by letters dated October 16, 1996, and October 30, 1996, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., and at the local public document room for the Trojan Nuclear Plant located at the Branford Price Millar Library, Portland State University, Portland, Oregon 97207.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 27th day of February 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste, Revised Notice

The agenda of the 90th meeting of the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) scheduled for March 20 and 21, 1997, in Room T-2B3, at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland is being revised to include a session to discuss:

- **10 CFR Part 960**—The ACNW will review an options paper prepared by the NRC staff for commenting on DOE's recently revised Siting Guidelines in 10 CFR Part 960. These guidelines are now Yucca Mountain specific.

All other items pertaining to this meeting remain the same as published in the Federal Register on Tuesday, February 18, 1997 (62 FR 7280).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Richard K. Major, Chief, Nuclear Waste Branch (telephone 301/415-7366), between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. EDT.

ACNW meeting notices, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are now available on FedWorld from the "NRC MAIN MENU." Direct Dial Access number to FedWorld is (800) 303-9672; the local direct dial number is 703-321-3339.

Dated: February 27, 1997.

Andrew L. Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Excepted Service

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This gives notice of positions placed or revoked under Schedules A and B, and placed under Schedule C in the excepted service, as required by Civil Service Rule VI, Exceptions from the Competitive Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia H. Paige, Staffing Reinvention Office, Employment Service (202) 606-0830.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Personnel Management published its